

Notes and Quotes - Sexual Righteousness

Matt. 5:27-30 - "You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.'^a ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman with the purpose of lusting after her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Sex in the real world is a mixture of tenderness and halitosis, love and fatigue, ecstasy and disappointment. When people believe in a dream world, they begin to cast a disparaging eye at the flaws of the real world; indeed, they begin to seek a flawless fantasy world. Such make-believe is genuinely destructive to both true sexuality and true spirituality. - Richard Foster

I think about my days as a swimmer....When you are swimming the backstroke in a meet you obviously can't see *ahead* of you, so you watched overhead for the flags. The flags were key. Once you saw the flags you knew exactly how many strokes to go before hitting the wall. Without those flags you'd surely end up banging into the wall. And if you missed or ignored the flags, the same thing would happen. So, in this race of Life, do we know where the heck those "flags" are? Do we see them, but ignore them, thinking they're nice to have but not necessary to help live life better? Or do we keep missing the "flags" altogether? - Dyne Peich

The more common way men get into trouble evolves from **hundreds of tiny decisions—decisions that go undetected**—that slowly, like water tapping on a rock, wear down a man's character. Not blatantly or precipitously, but subtly, over time, we get caught in a web of cutting corners and compromise, self-deceit and wrong thinking, which goes unchallenged by anyone in our lives... - Pat Morely

1 Cor 6:18-20 - ¹⁸ **Flee** from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

1 Thess 4:3-8 - ³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control his own body^a in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not with lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸ Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.